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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**EX-UNION OFFICIAL SENTENCED FOR
EMBEZZLEMENT OF UNION FUNDS**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that WILLIAM LEE VAN SICKLE, 51, Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to a period of 5 years' probation today by U.S. District Judge John Daniel Tinder following his previously entered guilty plea to having embezzled approximately \$64,299 from Local 725 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees. This case was the result of a investigation by the United States Department of Labor-Office of Labor Management Standards.

Van Sickle was the elected secretary-treasurer of Local 725. Between January 3, 2000 and January 13, 2003, VAN SICKLE embezzled approximately \$64,299 from a bank account maintained by Local 725. VAN SICKLE repaid approximately \$28,584 before his

embezzlement was discovered and repaid an additional \$12,000 upon the discovery of his embezzlement.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Joe H. Vaughn, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Tinder also imposed a condition that VAN SICKLE serve a period of six months in a community corrections center while on probation and pay \$23,645 in restitution.

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